

April 22, 2021

Chris Sullivan-Robinson  
City of Sturgeon Bay  
421 Michigan St.  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dear Chris,

At its monthly town board meeting held Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Washington passed a motion of support to the City of Sturgeon Bay in its quest to become the site for the Green Bay area Ecosystem NERR. This letter is to affirm that support.

While Sturgeon Bay is located in the southern portion of Door County, the Town of Washington is located at the very tip of Door County surrounded by both Lake Michigan and the Bay of Green Bay. While our economy is more based more on tourism, the waterways and its ecosystems surrounding the island provides the basis for many people to come and explore.

Sturgeon Bay is the first stop for people coming to Door County to learn about what the rest of Door County has to offer. By making Sturgeon Bay their first stop to the Door, tourists will have the opportunity to learn about the waterways and its inhabitants. Having a "living laboratory" to showcase research, provide outreach, and educational opportunities would broaden the prospective as to what Door County has to offer. Both Sturgeon Bay and Door County have shown great support for healthy ecosystems and quality of life while partnering with non-profits such as the Ridges Sanctuary, the Nature Conservancy, the Door County Land Trust, and the Door County Environmental Council just to name a few. By having a NERR site in Sturgeon Bay, the rest of the Door including Washington Island would benefit by providing a greater insight into all of our Door County communities and our concerns for the environment. Each of us have a lot to offer, it only makes sense for all of us to have Sturgeon Bay be the welcoming site as people continue their travel throughout Door County.

We appreciate the steps Sturgeon Bay is taking and we gladly support their efforts.

Respectfully,

Hans Lux, Jr., Town Chairman  
Town of Washington